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## HERE'S A GAGGLE

The Robert Mallowneys of Harrison St. live on the edge of a tidal marsh. When the tide is high, in come geese -- wild and domestic -- ducks, and a half dozen special guests, Enden Geese, (a German breed). They come from ponds on land owned by Elden Wadsworth and Charles Eaton, Jr.

When a flock of geese is on the water, they are a gaggle. Geese or ducks in flight are a skein. (Gaggle stems from a Middle High German word meaning giggle or cackle -- gagen.)



Above, Barbara Mallowney feeds cracked corn to an Enden Goose, which are more aggressive than the other geese. The wild geese stay together in one group. When the Enden Geese depart, they go solemnly, single file. In the scene below you see them on the Mallowney lawn waiting for a hand-out.

